

OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5450.165B

**From:** Chief of Naval Operations  
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**Subj:** Commander, Naval Oceanography Command, mission and functions of

**A) Ref:** (a) OPNAVNOTE 5450 Ser 09B2E3/314103 of 18 Oct 1982 (MAR 83) (NOTAL)

**R) Encl:** (1) Functions of the Commander, Naval Oceanography Command

**R) 1. Purpose.** To promulgate the functions to be performed by the Commander, Naval Oceanography Command in support of the mission promulgated by reference (a).

**2. Cancellation.** OPNAV Instruction 5450.165A.

**A) 3. Mission.** Responsible for the command and management of assigned Oceanographic (includes disciplines of Oceanography, Meteorology, Mapping, Charting and Geodesy) activities and efforts under the Naval Oceanog-

graphy Program and for providing technical guidance in such matters throughout the Department of the Navy, and shall perform such other tasks and functions as may be directed by competent authority.

**4. Status and Command Relations.** The Naval Oceanography Command is a shore activity in an active status under the Commander, Naval Oceanography Command and under the command of the Chief of Naval Operations. The Commander, Naval Oceanography Command, is subject to the area coordination authority of the Chief of Naval Education and Training.

**5. Action.** In the accomplishment of the assigned mission, (R) the Commander, Naval Oceanography Command shall ensure performance of the functions set forth in enclosure (1). The Commander, Naval Oceanography Command and the Chief of Naval Education and Training are requested to advise the Chief of Naval Operations of any recommended modifications to the mission and functions of the Naval Oceanography Command.

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Functions of the Commander, Naval Oceanography Command

Functions:

1. Commands the Naval Oceanography Command.
2. Provides oceanographic information and prediction services for the Department of Defense.
3. Provides Mapping, Charting and Geodesy (MC&G) services to Navy commands and to the Defense Mapping Agency.
4. Provides meteorological information and support services throughout the Navy.
5. Represents the Department of the Navy in defense, national and international operational matters, based on existing Navy, Defense and/or national policy, involving oceanography, MC&G and meteorology.
6. Determines Command financial, manpower and training resources needed to meet CNO validated Oceanographic requirements.
7. Prepares and defends budget and related submissions to higher authority.
8. Recommends military construction projects as required for the Command.
9. Executes the budget as a major claimant and ensures that strict financial accountability is maintained.
10. Based on validated requirements and established policies, prepares plans for submission to the CNO for providing oceanographic, MC&G and meteorological support throughout the Navy.
11. Acts as the central point of contact within Navy to collect, consolidate, rank in priority and submit to the CNO for validation oceanographic and meteorological requirements including recommendations for research and development (R&D).
12. Collects, consolidates and submits MC&G requirements and R&D recommendations, from commands not reporting through the Unified or Specified Commanders, for CNO and DMA validation.

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13. Assists the CNO in coordinating with other commands to ensure that platform and weapons systems design, development and tactical evaluation and employment are optimized relative to the effects of oceanographic and meteorological parameters.
14. Provides technical guidance to other commands concerning oceanography, MC&G and meteorology including requirements for personnel, equipment and facilities.
15. Develops plans for and conducts systematic technical assessment of the Naval Oceanography Command's methods and products to ensure utility and scientific validity.
16. Monitors oceanographic, MC&G and meteorological R&D projects scheduled to transition from developmental to operational status and manages their integration into command operations; and recommends to the Resource Sponsor those changes in R&D projects necessary to ensure efficient integration into command operations.
17. Develops five-year oceanographic program recommendations for submission to CNO.
18. Manages the meteorological, MC&G and oceanographic equipment program and validates meteorological, MC&G and oceanographic equipment allowances.
19. Maintains an oceanographic management information system responsive to both the operational and R&D commands and activities.
20. Serves as an advisor to the Designator Advisor for the Restricted Line (Geophysics), Limited Duty Officer (Oceanography/Meteorology), and Warrant Aerographer categories; and as Technical Advisor for the Aerographers Mate rating; and as an advisor to the Subspecialty Primary Consultant for the Geophysics (XX47), Meteorology (XX48) and Tactical Environmental Support (XX49) subspecialties.
21. Develops plans and programs for management and utilization of meteorological and oceanographic units of the Naval Reserve.
22. Directs the Command Inspection Program and monitors deficiencies of subordinate activities in accordance with appropriate directives.

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23. Provides security management of Navy compartmented programs within the command.

24. Provides the Department of Navy interface coordination with DOD and intragovernment agencies on operational environmental satellite matters and serves as an advisor to CNO on these matters.

25. Exercises, in coordination with appropriate operational commanders, technical control of assigned platforms to include mission specifications, employment schedules and assignment of technical and scientific personnel and equipment.

26. Serves as an effective instrument of the U.S. Foreign Policy by initiating and continuing action programs which promote positive relations between the command foreign nationals, and which assist individual Naval personnel and their families to work effectively, live with dignity and satisfaction, and function as representatives of the Navy and of the United States while overseas.



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1. Effectively immediately, add the following to the functions assigned in reference (a):

"Provides audiovisual (AV) management for the Command and maintains AV production capabilities to support other assigned functions."

2. The above statement will be incorporated in the next change to reference (a).

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